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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR COOKING AND METHOD OF USE

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

- 1. Claims 1-25 are allowable over the prior of records.
- The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable 1. subject matter: Regarding claims 1 and 13, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a food preparation appliance, fails to teach in part a home gateway server that has access to automatically deliver user-selected portions of the cooking materials and liquid to a cooking area. Regarding claim 14, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a food preparation appliance, fails to teach in part a controller comprising a telephone system interface for being operative connection to a telephone system that has access to automatically deliver user-selected portions of the cooking materials and liquid to a cooking area. Regarding claim 15, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a food preparation method, fails to teach in part steps of receiving data from a remote source that has access to automatically deliver user-selected portions of the cooking materials and liquid to a cooking area, and a starting time for preparation of the food. Regarding claim 21, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a food preparation appliance, fails to teach in part means for communicating the instructions to a controller that has access to automatically deliver user-selected portions of the cooking materials and liquid to a cooking area. Regarding claim 22, the allowability, at least in part, resides in a remotely controllable food preparation appliance, fails to teach in part a controller coupled to the stopper and the valve for control of the amount and the of the volume and an interface at the controller for enabling remote control of the controller.
- 3. Claims 2-12, 16-20, and 23-25 are allowed for the same reasons above.

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Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Douglas Lee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM- 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard, can be reached on (571) 272-3749 or via e-mail addressed to [leo.picard@uspto.gov]. The fax number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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